

Voting by mail-in or absentee ballot

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is safe, secure, and easy.

In Pennsylvania, you have two options for mail ballots.

- **Mail-in ballot** – Any qualified voter may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.
- **Absentee ballot** – If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness that prevents you from going to your polling place on election day, you can request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

In order to request either ballot type, you **must be registered to vote.**

Check Your Registration Status

(<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>)

to review your registration information.

How to return your mail ballot.



Quick links

Deadlines for the November 8 Election

- **November 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. - APPLICATIONS** for a mail-in or absentee ballot must be received by your county election board (<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx>)
- **November 8, 2022 at 8 p.m. – VOTED BALLOTS must be RECEIVED** by your county election office - postmarks are not enough.

emergency

Missed the deadline? If you have an emergency (such as an unexpected illness or disability or last-minute absence from your municipality) you may still be able to get a ballot after the deadline. Find information about how to get an emergency absentee ballot

How do I request a mail-in or absentee ballot?

Absentee ballots can be requested
Begin

by voters with

disabilities or an illness that prevents them from going to their polling place on election day, or those who will be absent from their municipality on Election Day. **Request forms must be received by your county election board by 5 pm on November 1, 2022.**

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Option 1: Apply for a Mail Ballot Online

Option 2: Apply for a Mail Ballot by mail

Option 3: Apply at your county election board's office or other designated locations

What's the annual mail-in ballot request?

You now have the option to request to be added to the annual mail-in ballot request list where **you'll receive an application to renew your mail-in ballot request each year**. Once your request is approved, you will automatically receive ballots for the remainder of the year, and you **do not** need to submit an application for each election.

Learn more about the

[\(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Annual-Mail-in-Voter-List.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Annual-Mail-in-Voter-List.aspx)

Third Party Ballot Delivery for Mail Voting

If you have a disability that prevents you from applying in person for your mail ballot or delivering your mail ballot, you may designate an agent to deliver your ballot materials for you. You must designate the agent in writing using this form

[\(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Authorize-Designated-Agent-for-Mail-in-or-Absentee-Ballot.pdf\)](/Resources/Documents/Authorize-Designated-Agent-for-Mail-in-or-Absentee-Ballot.pdf)

or a

form provided by your county.

Accessible Remote Ballot Marking Solution for Mail Voting

Learn more about the accessible remote ballot marking solution

(/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Accessible-Remote-Ballot-Marking-Solution-for-Mail-Voting.aspx)

How do I vote and return my mail-in or absentee ballot?

Below are general steps on how to vote, prepare, and return your mail ballot. Be sure to follow the instructions included with your ballot. Contact your county election office if you have any questions.

Under Pennsylvania law, voters must return their own ballots. The only exceptions to this are for voters with a disability who have designated someone in writing to deliver their ballot.

Step 1:

Read the instructions carefully and mark your ballot. Be sure to complete the front and back of each page.

Step 2:

Seal your ballot in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot." Do not make any marks on the inner secrecy envelope.

Your ballot must be enclosed and sealed in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot" or it will not be counted.

Step 3:

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Seal the inner secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed outer return envelope. Complete, sign and date the voter's declaration on the outside of the outer return envelope.

If you do not sign and date below the declaration on the return envelope your ballot will not be counted.

Step 4:

Return your voted ballot to the county election board. Absentee and Mail-in Ballots must be received by 8 pm on election day at your county election board. To ensure your ballot is received by the deadline, return the ballot as soon as possible.

1. You can mail your ballot.

- Using the return envelope supplied with your ballot, make sure you use the proper postage (if needed) and that it arrives to your county election board by 8 pm on election day. Postmarks do not count. If your ballot is not received by the county election board by 8 pm on election day, it will not be counted

2. You can hand-deliver your ballot before 8 pm on election day to your:

- [county election office](#) (/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx) or [other officially designated site](#) (/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Return-Ballot.aspx)
- Some counties are providing [drop-boxes](#) (/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Return-Ballot.aspx) for mail ballots.

Where do I return my ballot?

Voters may return their voted mail-in or absentee ballot to their county election board of election office during that office's business hours, or another officially designated location. **Ballots must be received by your county election board before 8 pm on Election Day.**

Voting early in-person by mail-in or absentee ballot

If you are a registered Pennsylvania voter, you can use the early in-person voting option.

As soon as ballots are ready, you can request, receive, vote and cast your mail-in or absentee ballot all in one visit to
 your county election board^{px} [\(/Resources/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Contact-Your-Election-Officials.aspx)

or

other officially designated site

[\(/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Return-Ballot.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Return-Ballot.aspx)

With this option, there is no need for mail at all, and you can cast your vote at your convenience. Learn more about
voting early in-person by mail-in or absentee ballot

[\(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Early-Voting.aspx)

Identification for Mail Voting

In order to apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot, you must supply proof of identification.

[\(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx)

and voters who qualify

under the

Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped ACT

[\(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Your-Rights/Pages/Voting-Rights-and-the-law.aspx\)](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Your-Rights/Pages/Voting-Rights-and-the-law.aspx)

do

not need to show ID. All other voters must use one of the following options.

Option 1

Include one of these ID numbers on your absentee or mail-in ballot form:

- Current and valid Pennsylvania driver's license
- PennDOT photo ID card

Option 2

If you don't have one of the documents listed under option 1, you can include the last 4 digits of your Social Security number on your absentee or mail-in ballot form.

Option 3

If you don't have one of the documents listed under option 1 or a Social Security number, you can provide a photocopy of one of the following IDs with your absentee or mail-in ballot application. The photocopy must show name, a photo, and an expiration date that is current.

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID (active duty and retired military ID may designate an expiration date that is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain a current expiration date.
- Employee photo identification issued by Federal, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania county, or Pennsylvania municipal government.

- Photo identification issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning.
- Photo identification issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences and personal care homes.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I requested a mail-in or absentee ballot but I didn't receive a ballot, lost my ballot, or changed my mind and want to vote in-person?

- If you already submitted a mail-in or absentee ballot, you cannot vote at your polling place on Election Day.
- If you did not return your mail-in or absentee ballot and you want to vote in person, you have two options:
 1. Bring your ballot and the pre-addressed outer return envelope to your polling place to be voided. After you surrender your ballot and envelope and sign a declaration, you can then vote a regular ballot.
 2. If you don't surrender your ballot and return envelope, you can only vote by provisional ballot at your polling place. Your county election board will then verify that you did not vote by mail before counting your provisional ballot.

How do I know if my ballot was accepted and counted?

Under current Pennsylvania law, your mail-in ballot can't be opened until Election Day. Therefore, if there's a problem with your mail-in ballot, you won't have the opportunity to correct it before the election. Still, as long as you followed all the instructions and mailed your completed, signed, dated, and sealed in the inner secrecy envelope, ballot by Election Day, you don't have to worry.

Why are there two envelopes with my mail-in ballot?

The smaller secrecy envelope is intended to protect the anonymity of your vote. After you fill out your ballot, you must place it in the secrecy envelope and seal it.

Do not make any marks on this envelope. If you fail to place and seal your ballot in this envelope or if you make marks on this envelope, your ballot will not be counted.

The second, larger envelope is the mailing and declaration envelope. You must use it, even if you are dropping your ballot off at a drop box. Place your secrecy envelope (with your ballot inside) into the mailing and declaration envelope. You must seal it and sign and date the declaration before you can return your ballot.

Both of these envelopes must be used in order for your vote to count.

What if I miss the application deadline? Last Minute Emergencies

(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/PADOS_EmergencyAbsenteeBallotApplication_English.pdf)

request an Emergency Absentee Ballot after 5 pm on the Tuesday before the election.

The deadline to submit your Emergency Absentee Ballot Application to the County Election Board is 8 pm on Election Day.

[Emergency Application for Absentee Ballot \(PDF\)](#)

(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/PADOS_EmergencyAbsenteeBallotApplication_English.pdf)

[Authorized Representative for Emergency Absentee Ballot Form](#)

(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/PADOS_AuthorizeRepresentativeforEmergencyAbsenteeBallot.pdf)

Do not miss voting deadlines!

Sign up to receive emails about mail ballot deadlines, voting processes, new voting system, and more sent directly to your inbox.

